

REMARKS

Claims 45 to 86 were pending in the application at the time of examination. The Examiner rejected Claims 62 to 67 as anticipated by the Blais Reference (US20020178437). The Examiner objected to Claim 58 as being incorrectly numbered. The Examiner allowed Claims 45 to 58, 60, 61, and 68 to 86.

Applicants have cancelled Claims 62 to 67, without prejudice. Applicants have amended Claim 58 (second instance) to become Claim 59. Consequently, allowed Claims 45 to 59, 60, 61, and 68 to 86 remain in the Application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 62 TO 67

The Examiner rejected Claims 62 to 67 as anticipated by the Blais Reference (US20020178437). Applicants have cancelled Claims 62 to 67, without prejudice. Consequently, Applicants respectfully submit the rejection of Claims 62 to 67 is now moot.

AMENDMENT TO CLAIM 58 (SECOND OCCURANCE)

The Examiner objected to Claim 58 as incorrectly numbered. Applicants have amended Claim 58 (second instance) to become Claim 59. In light of the Amendment to Claim 58 (now Claim 59), Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claim 59, as amended.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner allowed Claims 45 to 58, 60, 61, and 68 to 86. Applicants have not amended Claims 45 to 58, 60, 61, and 68 to 86. Consequently, Applicants respectfully request Claims 45 to 58, 60, 61, and 68 to 86 be allowed to issue.

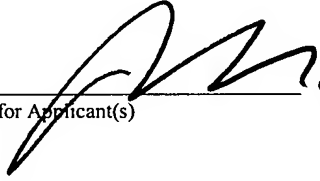
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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicants.

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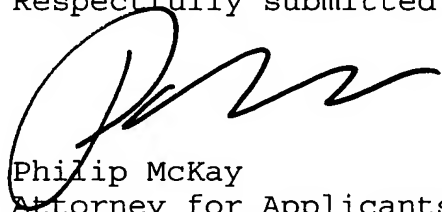
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